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In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/743,300

Filed: January 8, 2001

For: COATED MINERAL WOOL PRODUCT, AND PROCESS FOR ITS  
PRODUCTION

Attorney Docket No.: 3535.010

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98**

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are provided herewith, and a discussion of the relevance of these documents is provided below.

1. HU 194 757 B
2. HU 211 185 B
3. HU 215 362 B

Applicants also attach a copy of a Search Report which issued by the Hungarian Patent Office in the corresponding Hungarian application No. P 0101857.

Documents 1-3 were cited as "documents defining the general state of the art which are not considered to be of particular

relevance" ("A") type reference in the Hungarian Search Report of the corresponding Hungarian application, a copy of which is attached hereto.

Applicants are not aware of an English language equivalent for Documents 1-3 cited above.

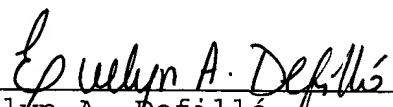
The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the later of three months from the application's filing date and the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits, but before a final Office Action or Notice of Allowance (whichever is earlier) and, therefore, Applicants are filing concurrently herewith a Certification Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(e). No fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) is required.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

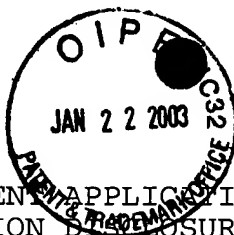
Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application, and that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

Respectfully submitted,

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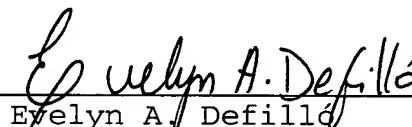
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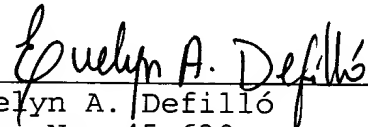
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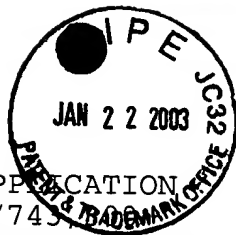
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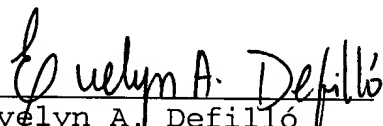
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